- A. Yes, but they also expressed the view in February that we were going to have \$296 million and they turned up in May with \$262 million.
- Q. Did the political feasibility of getting a tax increase through the Legislature come up at all?
- A. Let me make this very clear. We're not interested in even thinking about a tax increase, at this particular moment. We understand that there is a probability that the Federal government is going to have to put a 10 percent surtax in effect. This will certainly be enough of a burden for the taxpayers to contemplate in the immediate future. What happens when we get the final figures with regards to a tax increase will be subservient to every other possible means we can devise. And I want to make it extremely clear at this minute that we're not thinking of any tax increases this year.

## STATEMENT ON THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

June 5, 1968

I am shocked by this senseless action. This veneer we call civilization is being worn thin by the acids of hate and violence in our society. At no time in our history have we had the bitterness and reaction that we seem to have today. It is a terrible time we're living in. I pray that Senator Kennedy survives the difficult operation and I extend my deepest sympathy to his family and the other victims of this madness.

## **NEWS CONFERENCE**

June 6, 1968

## OPENING STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

For the benefit of television, I would like to read the statement that I issued early this morning concerning Senator Kennedy's death.

Senator Robert Kennedy's tragic death at the hands of a political assassin is an unmistakable sign that violence cannot be encouraged without reaping its horrible product. All those who are disciples of